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SUBJECT Explosives Plant and Adjacent Areas at Pionki

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List of Installations and Points of Interest See Annex A7.

Point #1. Pionki RR Station: Red brick construction with gray plaster, 20 to 25 m. long, 8 to 10 m. wide, two stories, red tile gable roof.

#2. RR Tracks: Two narrow gauge tracks led towards Radom, 24 km. away; east they led towards Deblin 5134N-2105E 60 km. away.

#3, 4, 5. Private Homes: Various types

There were many more homes than indicated on sketch

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#6. Stadium: Stadium and grounds belonging to the plant, 200 m. long, 100 m. wide. The building on stadium grounds was used as a club for plant.

#7. Natural Lake: 800 m. long, 500 m. wide, with two hand-operated flood gates at points of ingress and egress of the stream.

#8. Natural Lake: 500 m. long, 300 m. wide, with two hand-operated flood gates at points of ingress and egress of the stream. these lakes the source of water for the plant.

#9. Stream: 2 to 3 m. wide, 1 1/2 km. from the lake Point #8 to the plant area.

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Point #10. Plant Workers Homes: Concrete construction, 40 m. long, 15 m. wide, three stories, flat roofs. Many homes were in this area, all built alike. [redacted]

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#11. Small Church [redacted]

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#12. Plant Entrance Gate: Steel picket construction, opening inward, 12 m. wide, 3½ m. high. A small guard shack at gate entrance housed an armed plant guard and KBW man (Korpus Bezpieczenstwa Wewnetrznego - Corps of Internal Security). There was also another entrance with railroad tracks somewhere near the gate.

#13. Plant Office Building: Concrete construction, 50 m. long, 25 m. wide, 3 stories, flat roof; utilized for plant administration and guards.

#14. Explosives Plant Area: Covered a wooded area of 10 to 12 sq. km., surrounded by a barbed wire fence, 2½ m. high next to a ditch in the plant grounds, fence 250 to 300 m. from railroad tracks [Point #2]. The wooded area was a perfect camouflage and prevented anyone from seeing any buildings, structures or activity on the plant grounds. The city of Pionki had a very strong odor of ether and alcohol.

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b. There were many high revetments, of concrete construction and earth-covered, in the plant area. This plant was the largest of its kind in Poland; it employed 3,000 workers and its prime purpose was to supply an ammunition factory in Skarzysko-Kamienna [5107N-2054E] with cylindrical grains of nitrocellulose, explosive powders, a type of black, triangular grain of explosive, and other types of explosives. [redacted]

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#15. Guard Shack: Utilized as post for an armed plant guard.

#16 & 17. Forests

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Annex A

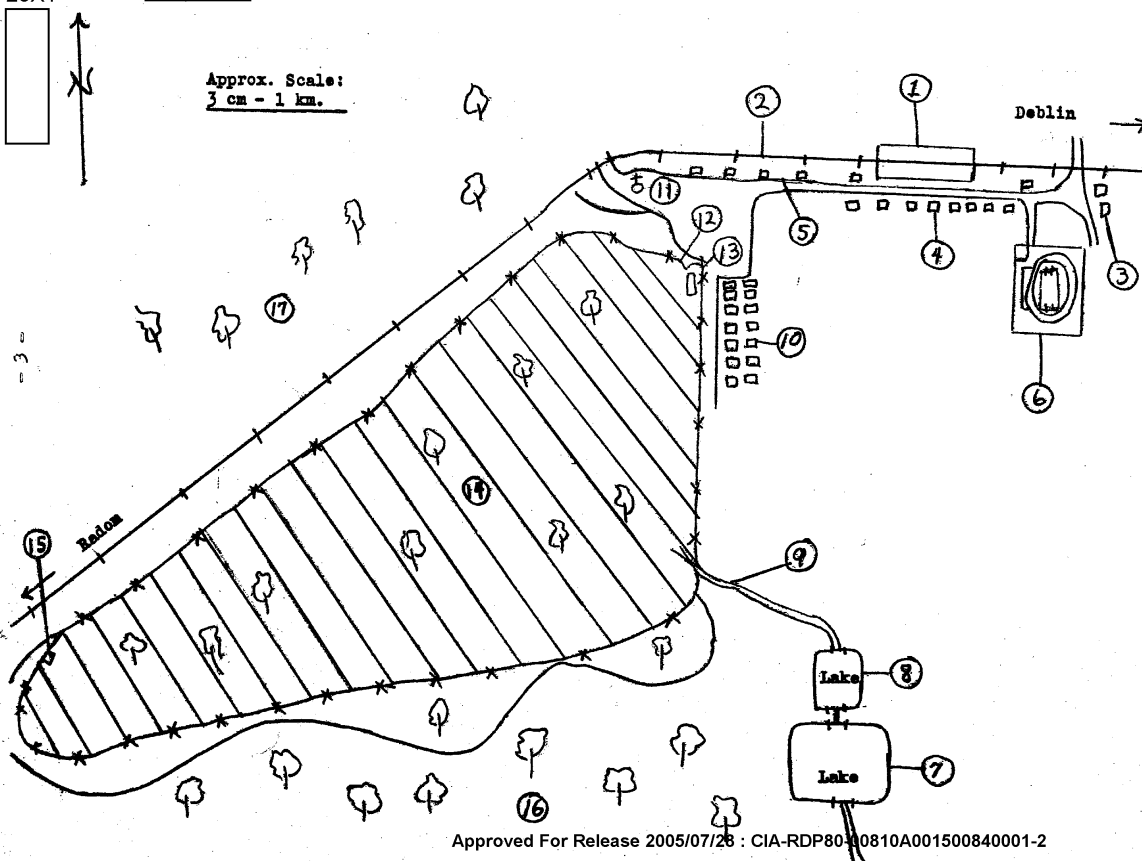
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Sketch of Pionki Explosive Plant and Surrounding Area

Approx. Scale:
3 cm - 1 km.

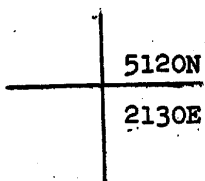
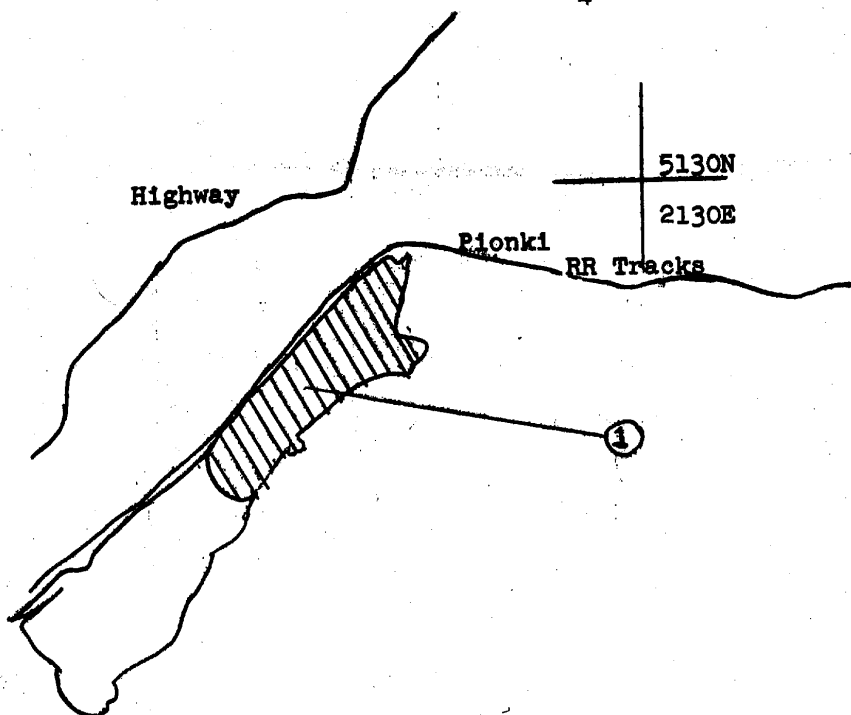


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Overlay of GSGS 4416 Sheet Q-16 Pinpointing Pionki Explosives Plant

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